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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please delete paragraph [0001] and replace with the following paragraph:

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[0001] This invention relates generally to shelves and, more particularly, to extendible shelves for use in refrigerators.

On page 4, please delete paragraph [0020] and replace with the following paragraph:

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[0020] Each ledge 48 includes a surface 76 upon which shelf 38 (shown in Figure 2) may slide. An inner surface 78 of supports 40 is substantially perpendicular to ledges 48, and shelf 38 is retained to side supports 40 partially above and partially below ledges 48 and between inner surfaces 78 as described further below. Each ledge 48 further includes a rear portion 80 having a first width, a forward portion 82 having a second width smaller than the first width, and a track clearance 84 having a third width smaller than the second width. A gusset 86 extends laterally inward from the forward portion 82 of each side support 40 and includes an integral tab 88 extending upwardly from gusset 86. Tabs 88 are substantially